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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The mission of the Raynham Police Department is to enforce the law and protect life and property by establishing a proactive problem-solving partnership with our citizens to reduce both crime and the fear of crime while establishing an environment that promotes a better quality of life for all. My department takes this commitment quite seriously and it is therefore important for me to voice the growing concern of law enforcement about radio interference disrupting the public safety operations of many of our Massachusetts law enforcement colleagues.

The cell phone and public safety frequencies are geographic enemies – they just cannot get along. So, we need to separate them. Public safety leadership such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police has championed a solution called "The Consensus Plan" that does just what the problem calls for: reorganization of the 800 MHz band. It is the only real solution under your consideration. The other proposals are ineffective band-aids that aim to lessen the aftermath of interference, rather than cure the actual problem.

Please do not let this problem go unresolved until tragedy forces a resolution. The Raynham Police Department has been lucky so far, but it is only a matter of time until interference happens to us as well if the Consensus Plan isn't adopted and implemented soon. Public safety is asking for your help. Please rise above the competitive debate to see what's truly important.

Best Regards,

Peter King

Peter King Chief of Police

CC: The Honorable Edward Kennedy The Honorable John Kerry The Honorable Barney Frank